GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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DECONTROL OF FERTILIZER
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to lift distribution control on all fertilizers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI RAMESH BAIS)
(a) to (c): Currently, urea is the only fertilizer which is under distribution control of the Government of India. The distribution of phosphatic and potassic fertilizers has been decontrolled since 25.8.1992 . The Government's intention is to ultimately decontrol all fertilizers including urea after taking into account its fiscal capacity so as to achieve an optimum ratio in the consumption of different types of nutrients on the one hand and making available fertilizers to the farmers at a reasonable price on the other. However, the time frame for decontrol and deregulation of distribution of urea is not firmed up as yet.